VCU Acceleration is a comprehensive program for incoming VCU freshmen who are interested in pre-health concentrations in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and other health sciences. The program provides exposure to various disciplines, preparatory math and science coursework, and academic support throughout the freshman year.

Students who participate in the program begin with a four week summer session prior to their first year at VCU. During this time, students complete non-credit academic coursework, professional skills development, cultural competency workshops, and realistic goal setting.

VCU Acceleration is a great fit for students whose previous K-12 educational environment may have limited their ability to acquire the math and science skills necessary to pursue a career in the health sciences. High school seniors are welcome to apply before they have learned of their acceptance status to VCU.

Participants are provided housing and a stipend to cover program expenses.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- Average Math and Verbal SAT of 1000
- Past participation in extracurricular activities
- Volunteer experience
- Copy of ACT/SAT Scores
- Official Transcript
- Two Letters of Reference